

REMARKS

New claims 24-57 are presented for examination. Claims 24, 31, 36, 45, 50, and 53 are in independent form. The specification has been amended to make specific reference to the parent applications. No new matter has been added.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.607(c), this will serve as notice that claims 24-57 variously correspond exactly or substantially to claims 1-3, 6-10, 12-14, and 17 of U.S. Patent No. 6,547,764, issued April 15, 2003 to Larsen et al. (copy enclosed).


Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge the fees necessary in connection with this Preliminary Amendment and any other fees necessary in connection with this application, to Deposit Account Number 02-1666.

Any questions concerning this application or Preliminary Amendment may be directed to the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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